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Ms. Darlene Standley  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Attn: Ms. Sharla Dillon

**RE: Filing Fee for Notification of Customer Transfer  
Lightyear Communications Inc. and The Free Network, LLC**

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Attached please find the original and nine (9) copies of the Notification submitted on behalf of Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Lightyear") in connection with a partial customer base transfer from The Free Network, LLC ("TFN") to Lightyear and a check in the amount of \$25.00, representing the filing fee for this notice.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-8575.

Sincerely,

Robin Norton  
Consultant

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cc: Linda Hunt - Lightyear  
Vito Terracciano - TFN  
file: Lightyear - TN- IXC  
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May 23, 2003

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T.R.A. DOCKET ROOM

**RE: Notification of Customer Transfer  
Lightyear Communications Inc. and The Free Network, LLC**

Dear Ms. Standley:

Attached please find the original and four (4) copies of the Notification submitted on behalf of Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Lightyear") in connection with a partial customer base transfer from The Free Network, LLC ("TFN") to Lightyear. Lightyear hereby notifies the Commission of its entry into an agreement with TFN whereby Lightyear will acquire certain long distance service subscribers from TFN. TFN is an authorized interexchange reseller who utilizes MCI as their underlying carrier and these customers currently receive direct dial and toll free long distance services from TFN.

Pursuant to a Management Agreement executed in March 2003 between Lightyear and TFN, Lightyear will be billing customers directly on behalf of TFN. Affected customers will not experience any other changes with respect to their current services. The proposed transfer will affect approximately 187 customers in the State of Tennessee. The date for the customer transfer is scheduled for August 1, 2003. Once the transaction is consummated, Lightyear will provide direct dial and toll-free long distance services to these customers.

Customers affected by this change were notified by letters mailed beginning May 5, 2003. A copy of Lightyear's FCC filing and its customer notification is attached. Customers have been provided more than thirty days notice of the pending change. The customer notification advises customers of the following: (1) the pending change of their direct dial and toll-free service carrier selection to Lightyear; (2) there will be no change in the way they dial or in the customer service available to them; (3) there will be no charges associated with their change to Lightyear as their long distance retail carrier; (4) their current service will not be affected and will be provided at the same rates as those currently charged by TFN; (5) they have the option to select a different service provider if they prefer. The notification also includes customer inquiry numbers for both Lightyear and TFN that customers may call for more information.

Ms. Darlene Standley  
Deputy Chief, Telecommunications  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
May 23, 2003  
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Any questions you may have regarding this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-8575.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "N".

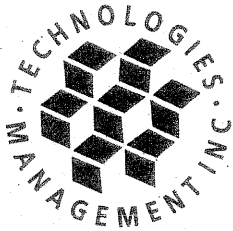
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cc: Linda Hunt - Lightyear  
Vito Terracciano - TFN  
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tms: TNx0301

**Exhibit 1**

**Lightyear Communications, Inc.**

**FCC Notification and Customer Notice**



May 8, 2003  
*Via overnight only*

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C.

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tmi@tminc.com

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257 --  
Transfer of long distance service subscribers from The Free Network, Inc. to  
Lightyear Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to CC Docket No. 00-257 and in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's rules, Lightyear Communications Inc. ("Lightyear") hereby notifies the Commission of its plan to enter into an agreement with The Free Network, LLC ("TFN") whereby Lightyear will acquire certain long distance service subscribers from TFN. These customers currently receive direct dial and toll free long distance services from TFN.

TFN is an authorized interexchange reseller who utilizes MCI as their underlying carrier. TFN is also a wholesale customer of Lightyear, meaning they utilize Lightyear (also a reseller) through Lightyear's underlying carrier who is also MCI.

Pursuant to a Management Agreement executed in March 2003 between Lightyear and TFN, until final regulatory approval is obtained, Lightyear will be billing customers directly on behalf of TFN. As reflected in the customer notification, attached as Attachment "A", affected customers will not experience any other changes with respect to their current services. The proposed transfer will affect approximately 8,000 to 10,000 customers located in 46 states. The proposed date for the customer transfer is August 1, 2003. Once the proposed transaction is consummated, Lightyear will provide direct dial and toll-free long distance services to these customers.

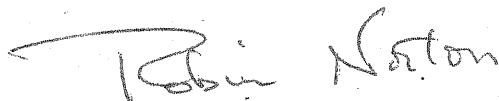
Lightyear hereby certifies that it has complied with the advance subscriber notification requirements set forth in Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's rules, with the obligations specified in that notice and with Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
May 8, 2003  
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Four copies of this letter are also enclosed. A receipt copy is enclosed as well. Please date stamp the receipt copy and return it in the self addressed, stamped envelope provided.

If you have any questions with respect to this letter, please direct them to the undersigned below at (407)-740-3004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Norton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Robin Norton  
Consultant to Lightyear

Enclosures

cc: Linda Hunt – Lightyear  
File: Lightyear - FCC IXC  
tms: FCC0300x

**Attachment A**

**Customer Notification**



May 6, 2003

«Customer\_Name»  
«Address\_1»  
«Address\_2»  
«City», «State» «Zip»

Re: Notice of Transfer of Telephone Service

Dear Valued Customer:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a loyal customer of The Free Network ("TFN") and to update you on some exciting changes that are underway. TFN has partnered with Lightyear Communications Inc. ("Lightyear"), a recognized full service telecommunications leader, to expand on our available services and to ensure our customers are receiving the highest quality customer service and billing available.

This partnership will not impact the high quality and reliability of the service you have come to expect from TFN. You will see a change in the monthly billing statement for long distance services beginning in May or June 2003. The monthly invoice will come from Lightyear/The Free Network, and it will detail your long distance charges from the previous month. Your monthly statement will no longer be a part of your monthly local telephone bill.

In connection with your new monthly statement, if you have chosen to take advantage of TFN's convenient monthly credit card billing, please contact the Lightyear Credit Department to re-establish this service with your new billing. This department may be reached between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm EDT, Monday – Friday, at 1-800-889-8244, select Option 5, and ask for extension 1050.

Pursuant to FCC Regulations, Lightyear and TFN are required to notify you that if, in the past, you had arranged to have a preferred carrier freeze on your phone line, your freeze will not be affected by this change.

Subject to regulatory approval, the next step will be the transfer of your account to Lightyear as your long distance carrier. This transfer should be complete on or about August 1, 2003. Lightyear and TFN will take all necessary steps to ensure that your telephone service is transitioned without any service interruption or inconvenience to you. There will be no change in your long distance rate. However, if you do not wish to receive service from Lightyear, you

should select another carrier and contact that carrier directly to transfer your service by August 2003. You may incur connection fees if you select an alternate provider. If you take no action, your long distance service will be automatically transferred to Lightyear on or about August 1, 2003, and you will not incur any additional fees.

Lightyear and TFN are excited about this new partnership and are confident that it will be to your benefit. Through Lightyear, TFN can now offer you a wide array of products including an all-in-one package that includes your local telephone service and unlimited long distance calls (domestic only) for one low price. For more information on this offering, call one of our friendly Free Network Associates at 1-248-526-1000.

If you have additional questions or would like more information about Lightyear, we invite you to visit the Lightyear website at [www.lightyearcom.com](http://www.lightyearcom.com) or contact our customer care center at 1-877-839-3733. If you would like to speak directly to an associate of The Free Network, please contact us at 1-248-526-1000.

Sincerely,

Vito Terracciano  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Free Network, L.L.C.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Wampler  
Sr. Vice President of Operations  
Lightyear Communications Inc.